

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-fourth day of March, 2007, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator;
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the April, 2007, regular meeting to order.

INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Ramsey.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mrs. Hodock led the pledge alliance to the flag.

APRIL 24, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the April, 2007 meeting agenda with the addition of a closed session-personnel and contractual matter, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda which consists of the bills for the month of April, 2007, in the amount of \$363,027.86; the March 30, 2007 and April 16, 2007 payrolls totaling \$142, 731.68; minutes of the Continued Meeting of March 12, 2007, and Continued Meeting of April 18, 2007, reports from the Treasurer, Building Official, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Marty Halloway, VDOT Resident Engineer, introduced the Assistant Resident Engineer, Mr. Dave Lammie. Mr. Halloway also reported: 1) the Draper Aden meeting for the industrial park, to be May 8, 2007 at the Tazewell Residency Office; 2) VDOT needs a letter stating Draper Aden would administer the project; 3) no response has been received from Richmond on the request for crosswalks; 4) paint department would correspond with administration prior to painting; 5) Rt. 622 bridge work commencing; 6) Rt. 608 work on schedule, and 7) Rt. 645 looking to be a costly project and may need to go Rustic Rd. concept. Mr. Halloway described the procedures to follow in the closing of Schoolhouse Road.

*****MOTION to proceed with the Rural Rustic Concept for Rt. 645 was made by John Thompson, seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SOCIAL SERVICES FEBRUARY 2007 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to accept the February 2007, Social Services report in the amount of \$50,006.53 with the local allotment of \$9,537.05, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

SCHOOLS May 2007 REQUISTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the May, 2007 school board's request in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the meeting minutes of March 22, 2007 and two meetings of March 26, 2007, approve the check registers and vendor payments dated, 3-12-07, and 3-21-07, was made by Jason Ramsey; seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

E-911 REPORT

Willie Howlett, E-911 Coordinator and Emergency Services Coordinator presented the April 2007, E-911 monthly report of activities.

ROUND THE MOUNTAIN COMMITTEE/BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Hermansen, spokesperson, appeared before the board with an update on the activities of the Round Mountain and of the Bland County Historical Society.

COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE

County Attorney, Frank Slavin, advised of duties performed on behalf of the county.

REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Garbage Collection Fee – Waiver Request

Carlos Johnson, Rt. 615 property owner, appeared before the board requesting a waiver of the county's garbage collection fee being charged for his temporary residence.

No action was taken by the board regarding this request.

BLAND COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

Holly Nelson, President, of the Education Association, expressed appreciation to the board and the support of the school board's 07-08 budget.

APPOINTMENTS

Tabled.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT APPROVED

*****MOTION to transfer \$14,500.00 from fund 510-41500-6015 (Water System Maintenance) to Fund #360, to purchase property for the proposed Bland Wastewater Treatment Plant, was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL – RAMSEY APPLICATION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the Local Government Education Pool application of Sonya Ramsey in the amount of \$500.00, as outlined within the guidelines, was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, abstain; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BOS HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE RESOLUTION APPROVED

*****MOTION to adopt the Resolution approving health insurance for the Board of Supervisors members, was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY FEE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING SET

*****MOTION to schedule the Courthouse Security Fee Ordinance Amendment Public Hearing for May 22, 2007, was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CONTRACTOR'S STORAGE YARD ADDED AS PERMITTED USE IN ZONING

*****MOTION to add the definition and add Contractor's Storage Yard as a permitted use to a Commercial and Industrial Zone, within the Bland County Zoning Ordinance, requiring a conditional use permit, was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BIG BEND DRIVE RESOLUTION ADOPTED

*****MOTION to adopt the Resolution, to bring into Big Bend Drive into the State Secondary Road System, as long as the road meets VDOT standards, was made by Henry Blessing, and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

An update was provided on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card, by the County Administrator.

ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL UPDATE

The County Administrator reported an update on the vehicles removed from the county under the Abandoned Motor Vehicles Removal Program.

CADDY PROJECT UPDATE

The County Administrator advised of the official collidation of CADDY (Citizens Against Drugs Destroying Youth), which would allow for the submittal of grants.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

BUILDING OFFICIAL--NIDAY RECOGNIZED

N. Keith Niday, was recognized for his years of service to the county as building official.

CLOSED SESSION

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GREENBRIER ALLEGHENY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING OPENED.

Chairman, Karen Hodock, opened the public hearing announcing the purpose of the hearing was to receive comment on the application of Greenbrier Allegheny for a Conditional Use Permit to operate a Public Garage (52) at 12704 North Scenic Highway, Rocky Gap, VA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Hermansen, Rocky Gap resident, expressed concern of conditions which might be imposed, such as in the disposal of nonhazard materials, and recommended decorative fencing so that outside items would not be visible from the road.

Jesse Vaught, Rocky Gap resident, spoke in support of the garage, but with conditions to protect the site and residents in the area.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

GREENBRIER ALLEGHENY C.U.P. TABLED

The Greenbrier Allegheny C.U.P. was tabled until the applicant is present to answer questions and/or address concerns of the board.

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Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

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BURCHAM PROPERTY AGREEMENT APPROVED

*****MOTION to look to exercise the option of purchase between the County and Mr. William Burcham, at the flat amount, the amount not be prorated, and include the additional property as discussed in closed session, was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

E-911 CONTRACT EXTENSION APPROVED

*****MOTION to extend the Howlett & Associates contract for fifteen (15) months was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

CONTINUED

This meeting was continued until 5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2007.

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator